

# “UNITED VOICES for SEX OFFENSE REFORM” General Meeting Minutes (with Guest Speaker)

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 26

## Overview:

- Team updates will be discussed at our next general meeting on 11/28/2023
- Procedure for the meeting protocol with a speaker and for asking questions
- Information about tonight’s guest speaker and introduction
- Group discussion

## Notes:

1. 10/17/2023 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Introduction and welcome to our guest speaker Dwayne Daughtry.

Dwayne is the Executive Director of [NCRSOL](#), leveraging his academic background and advocacy skills to make significant contributions in the field of criminal justice system reforms, with a specialization in post-conviction sexual offense policies.

- Dwayne has actively served as a legislative liaison, advocating for various causes, including LGBT rights, veterans’ exposure to burn pits during Operation Desert Shield/Storm, and the ethical treatment of animals.
  - Alongside his role as a government affairs consultant and advisor to the senatorial judicial committee in the United States Congress, Dwayne also serves as a dedicated Veterans Service Officer (VSO) within the Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. Presentation, discussion, and group questions.  
Dwayne’s presentation was focused on how to “Create an Elevator Pitch”; how to introduce yourself with a purpose. This was an interactive meeting and attendees were invited to give their personal pitches with Dwayne providing feedback. Questions followed his presentation.
    - Dwayne shared his brief elevator pitch with advice on knowing how to engage your audience and appealing to their human side to turn and change minds.
    - He discussed the importance of being prepared, crafting your own language, practicing your message, and how to balance personal and general information in your pitch to be persuasive.
    - Questions were asked and answered regarding how to keep your focus, expressing your concerns on a personal level, speaking without fear, and making positive changes within our communities.
    - Dwayne can be reached at [dwayne@ncrsol.com](mailto:dwayne@ncrsol.com).

9:04 p.m. Adjourn Meeting - Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, November 28, 2023, 7:30 p.m. EST